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1. Combined Albanian and Soviet naval maneuvers took place in the Bay of Vlone on 2 August 1952. Approximately 1,550 officers and men of the Soviet Navy and Air Force took part. The problem in this combined exercise was: "To attack against surface and underwater enemy vessels attempting to force passage through the straits into the Adriatic Sea."¹
2. Officers of satellite countries were present at the maneuvers.
3. More submarines are expected to arrive in Albania from the Soviet Union. They will be assembled by Soviet technicians who are expected to arrive in Albania and join those who are already there.
4. Two unidentified groups of Soviet officers are expected to arrive in Albania during the early part of September. Moreover, an unspecified number of women and children, probably wives and children of Soviet personnel, are to leave Albania soon.

1. Comment: The "straits" referred to here is the Strait of Otranto.

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